

**Remarks**

A Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") is being filed to amend claims in minor respects, add new dependent claims, amend the specification in minor respects and submit an additional Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

Regarding the amendments to the claims, the claims are amended to replace the term "separately housed spaced apart device" with the broader term "external spaced apart device." Also, claim 14 is amended to address a minor informality. Regarding the amendments to the Specification, the Abstract is amended in minor respects so that the Abstract is more consistent with the present claims. The written description is also amended to address minor informalities. Note that claim 1, for example, does not recite an imaging device that is necessarily equipped with decoding functionality. While limitations from a patent specification are not to be imported into a patent claim, the amendments to the Specification further emphasizes that limitations from the patent specification are not to be imported into the patent claims. No amendment presented herein contains new matter.

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, applicant believes all of the claims of the present application to be in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and passage to allowance of the application.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicant's attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call applicants' representative at the phone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0289.

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